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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Thorsten STABEL et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 1320
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Application No.: 10/826,311	)	Group Art Unit: 3722
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Filed: April 19, 2004	)	Examiner: S. Addisu
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For: CUTTING INSERT HAVING A RAKE	)	
SURFACE AND A PLATEAU	)	
SURFACE SEPARATED BY A STEP	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants submit that during a telephone conversation on August 13, 2007 between Examiner Addisu and Applicants' undersigned representative, Examiner Addisu instructed that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance would constitute the Substance of the Interview conducted on August 8, 2007.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement because it does not accurately reflect the claim language in any one claim. Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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